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DOUBLE TAXATION AVOIDANCE TREATY DTAT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are two models of Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty (DTAT), one under OECD model and the other under UN model;

(b) if so, the criteria followed under these models and countries with whom such treaty is under operation, model-wise;

(c) whether the Government have reconsidered its stand on Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty with any of above countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. These are the two prominently recognised models.

(b): The objectives of both the two models are
(i) avoidance of double taxation to enhance international trade and investment;

(ii) to combat tax evasion;

(iii) to provide certainty to a tax regime;

(iv) sharing of tax revenue. No treaty has been negotiated by India exclusively on the basis of any one model.

(c) & (d): India has re-negotiated treaties with a number of countries and is in the process of renegotiating the same with others (As per Annexure laid on the table of the House).

Annexure

to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.384 to be answered on the Friday, 15.12.2000

I. List of Countries with whom Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) have been revised.

S.No. Name of the country S.No. Name of the Country

1. Belgium 9. Japan

2. Canada 10. New Zealand

3. Czech Republic 11 Norway

4. Denmark 12. Singapore

5. Finland 13. Sri Lanka

6. France 14. Sweden

7. FRG 15. U.K.

8. Italy

II. List of Countries where Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) are in the process of revision.

S.No.	Name of the country	S.No.	Name of the Country
1.	Austria	5.	Malaysia
2.	Egypt	6.	Netherlands
3.	Greece	7.	Romania
4.	Hungary	8.	Swiss Republic